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Dear Secretary,

Re: Boggabri Coal Project Project Application Number: 09_0182 Mod 7

I object to this modification.

There has not been enough time to understand and assess the modifications in this Project Application. There is scant detail in the Project Application leaving uncertainty on the 'actual' impacts to the Community and the Environmental Impacts these modifications will have.

Regardless of whether Boggabri Coal deem these modifications to be minor, their impact on an already brutally damaged community and environment is immeasurable. What seems minor to Boggabri Coal, when considered in the **cumulative** framework of the entire Coal Precinct is a drastic acceleration in the environmental damage and the further degradation of living conditions for the community members who must endure the devastating presence of Boggabri Coal, Tarrawonga Coal and Maules Creek Mine.

We must be afforded more time to assess and explore the impact of the proposed modifications and demand extra information other than the scant information provided in the Boggabri Coal Project Approval 09_0182 Modification 7.

I am of the opinion that this modification project should have more information provided to you and the community and that the exhibition period be extended for a further 28 days and be referred to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) if necessary.

